

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

The allowance of Claims 1-6 and the indicated allowability of the subject matter of Claims 10-14 are noted with appreciation.

Rejected independent Claim 7 has been amended to clarify differences between the recited invention and the Schaty patent relied upon in the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Claim 7 recites, a base constructed for attachment to a rocker panel at one side of the base, not a stud surface as stated in the rejection.

Claim 7 recites a protrusion on the opposite side of the base constructed for insertion in a hole in an end of a floor carpet, not for insertion or attachment to a portion of a stud surface as stated in the rejection. Resilient feet 26 on the pipe clip of Schaty do not constitute a protrusion on the side of the base 10 opposite to the side at which the base is constructed for attachment to a rocker panel. See, e.g., for comparison, and without limitation, Fig. 12 of Applicants' drawings, where the protrusion 17 for insertion in a hole in an end of a floor carpet is on the

side of the base 10 opposite to the side facing the rocker panel 2.

Claim 7 recites a wire harness holder on the base. In Schaty there is no wire harness holder; there are two pipe-receiving portions 16.

Claim 7 recites a pair of rocker molding engagement means, having inlets facing away from the base, and being spaced from one another and constructed for receiving and retaining respective support legs of a rocker panel, not a pair of clip engagement means having inlets for receiving and retaining respective pipes or tubular objects as stated in the rejection.

In Schaty, there are no rocker molding engagement means constructed for receiving and retaining respective support legs of a rocker molding. See, e.g., for comparison, and without limitation, the rocker molding engagement means 22 and 37 and the support legs 34 and 35 of a rocker molding 6 shown in Fig. 14 of Applicants' drawings.

Claim 7 thus clearly distinguishes patentably from Schaty.

Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of amended claim 7. Amended Claim 9 thus clearly distinguishes patentably from Schaty.

Moreover, Claim 9 recites that the arms have respective free ends constructed for connection to one another to form a cylindrical structure surrounding a wire harness. No such structure is found in Schaty. Arms 18 of the reference have ribs 20 with teeth 22 to engage threads of a stud, not for connection to form a cylindrical structure surrounding a wire harness.

Claim 8 has been made dependent upon Claim 9 and has been amended to clarify the fact that one of the rocker molding engagement means is a part of the base and the other rocker molding engagement means is a part of one arm of the wire harness holder separate from the base. See, e.g., without limitation, the rocker molding engagement means 22 and 37 in Fig. 1 of Applicants' drawings. Nothing of the sort is even remotely suggested by Schaty.

Claim 10, which was merely objected to, has been rewritten in independent form by including the subject matter of Claims 7, 8, and 9 as presented earlier. Accordingly, Claim 10 and the claims dependent thereon should now be allowed.

Claims 15 and 16, dependent directly or indirectly on Claim 7, clearly distinguish patentably from Schaty. There are no U-shaped rocker molding engagement means in Schaty, and there are no cooperable latch parts of rocker molding

engagement means and respective support legs of a rocker molding in Schaty.

This application is now clearly in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (A-9936) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

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